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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

SUBJECT: Soviet Railroad Delegation to Great Britain,  
December 1957

1. According to the Railway Gazette of 29 November and 6 December 1957, the USSR Minister of Railways, B. P. Beshchev, headed a delegation of Soviet railway officers on a three-week tour of British railways and railway material manufacturers during December 1957.
2. These officials are purported to have met with Sir Brian Robertson, Chairman of the Commission, and to have visited the following:
  - a. London - officials of the B.T.C. and British Railways
  - b. Watford - Willesden Carriage Shed and Work Study Training Centre
  - c. Preston and Newton-le-Willows - English Electric Co., Ltd.
  - d. Bath area
  - e. Paddington and Waterloo Station - Western Region Soil Mechanics Laboratory
  - f. Crawley and Deptford - J. Stone and Co., Ltd.
  - g. Banbury Station
  - h. Saltley, Birmingham - Metropolitan - Cammell Carriage and Wagon Co., Ltd.
  - i. Derby - British Railway Works
  - j. Toton Marshalling Yard
  - k. York Area
  - l. Darlington - Diesel Maintenance Depot
  - m. Newport Marshalling Yard (Yorks)

- n. Glasgow - Cowlairs Signalbox
- o. Thornton Marshalling Yard
- p. Leith Central Diesel Depot
- q. Polmadie Motive Power Depot and Pre-Apprentice Training School
- r. London Transport Installations
- s. Liverpool Street - Southend Electrification

3. The Railway Age articles contain some indication of British intent to draw out the Russians especially on electrification and atomic traction. 25X1X7

25X1X7 [REDACTED] For your information, a report of this type would be helpful to our people who are attempting to negotiate a similar exchange of visits with the USSR.

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